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Legislative Assembly Question - Medical Colleges- Selection of candidates - Interview of candidates papers Recorded.

Selection of students for admission to the Madras Medical College in 1948.

*Q 967 Q.- MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state --

(a) how many students were selected in the year 1948 for admission to the Madras Medical College, by the Selection Committee ;

(b) how many of the students selected as per the original list, did not join the college and how these vacancies were filled up ; and

(c) whether these vacacies were filled up on communal basis ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: - "(a) The Selection Committee made the selections for admissions to all the 109 seats available for Provincial candidates in the Madras Medical College.

"(b) & (c) Two of the selected candidates did not join the college and these vacancies were filled up on communal basis."

MRS.RUKMINI LAKSHMIPATHI: - "Is the Hon.Minister aware, Sir, that, on account of the poor quality of the students selected by this Selection Committee, the medical services have deteriorated to a large extent ?"

THE HON.SRI. A. B. SHETTY:- " No, Sir. The best students from the different communitie are selected."

SRI V.M.RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: - " I have been suggesting for a very long time that in the selection of students to the Medical College, there should be personal interview so that the fitness of the candidate for selection may be known. I know, as a matter of fact there are people who are physically unfit for this serious study in the Medical College have been selected. May I know what steps the Government have taken to interview the candidates ?"

THE HON.SRI. A. B. SHETTY: - " There are a large number of applicants, and interviewing them all will become a very difficult affair - interviewing as many as 1,208 applicants as we had this year."

RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD:- "While I realize the labourious work in interviewing hundreds of students may I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister does not realize the importance of the interview in view of the situation described hy my Friend Mr.Ramaswami Mudaliyar ?"

THE HON.SRI A.B. SHETTY:- " I do recogniz that interview is the best method of selection. That is the method adopte in the medical schools in Britain. But considering the practical difficulties in the way of interviewing so many candidates, that method has not so far been adopted."

RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD : - " if the number of candidates is too large at the beginning, may I suggest to the Government to consider the ~~desi~~

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desirability of making a provisional selection before interview and then interview doubel or treble the number of times, and then make the final selection ?*

THE HON.SRI.A.B.SHETTY: - " I shall have that suggestion considered, Sir."

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Secretary to Government, 14-6-49.

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